

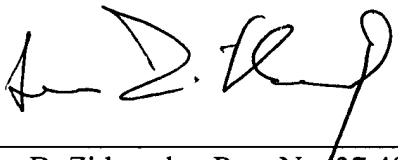
REMARKS

On April 17, 2000, Applicants responded to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 18, 2000, and elected for further prosecution Group XII, claims 102-104, with traverse. Group XII was identified by the Examiner as "drawn to an aliquot carrier."

In this communication, prior to examination of the claims on the merits, Applicants cancelled claims 1 - 41, 61 - 71 and 78 without prejudice or disclaimed in favor of a continuation application.

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